



State Senator
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Committees: Banking and Financial Institutions; Gaming and Casino Oversight (Minority Vice Chair); Government Operations (Minority Vice Chair); Judiciary; Reapportionment (Minority Vice Chair); Legislative Council

Biography: Democrat, of Detroit, Highland Park, and Hamtramck; born July 4, 1947, at Detroit; Pershing High School, 1965; B.A., political science, Michigan State University; J.D., Wayne State University Law School, 1972; married to the former Elizabeth Little; three sons, Virgil Kai, Adam, and Anthony. Following law school, Senator Smith became a legal advisor to community groups for Wayne County Legal Services rendering services for the Equal Justice Council, the Art Center Citizens Council, and for the Forest Park Development Project. Senator Smith has also acted as Supervising Attorney for Wayne County Legal Services and was Senior Assistant Corporation Counsel for the City of Detroit Law Department. He dedicated twelve years to the House of Representatives serving the 10th District. As a State Representative, he chaired the Economic Development and Energy Committee, and served on the Taxation, Judiciary, and Elections Committees, and the Special Committee on Court Reorganization. Senator Smith served on the Finance, Local Government and Veterans Committees, the 21st Century Commission on the Courts, and the Law Revision Commission. In 1996, he was voted Legislator of the Year by both the Michigan Judges Association and the Police Officers Association of Michigan. Senator Smith is a member of the Michigan Legislative Black Caucus. Elected to the State Senate, March 1988; Democratic Floor Leader

